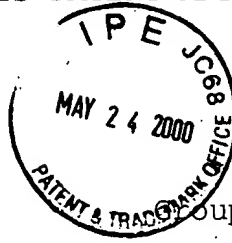


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In re application of
Giuseppe GUARINO et al.

Appln. No. 09/231,791



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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the requirements under 37 CFR 1.136, attached is a check in the amount of \$435.00 for the three month extension of time. You are authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 as deemed necessary. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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